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Louisiana Contractor Licensing Laws for Bidding Construction Projects

Bidding of construction projects is a very competitive business with many questions and debates regarding Louisiana bid law and licensing law. The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors' (LSLBC) responsibility is the licensure and enforcement of the licensing laws. Many times there are legal disputes between the architect, contractor, engineer, and awarding authority as to eligible bidders for the construction project classification. LSLBC does not intervene with these parties unless formally requested. Louisiana R.S. 37:2163(D) reads in part as follows:

It shall be the obligation of the architect, engineer, or awarding authority to classify public projects. Once the project is classified, any interested person may object by sending a certified letter to both the board and to the architect, engineer, or awarding authority. Said objection shall be received by the board and by the architect, engineer, or awarding authority at least ten working days prior to the date on which bids are to be opened.The matter shall be resolved and the board shall notify the architect, engineer, and awarding authority no less than five days prior to the time when bids are to be opened, unless all parties agree that a delay will not cause harm to others.

Further clarification and details for LSLBC licensure categories and classifications are listed in LA RS 37:2156.2 and Section 117 of the Licensing Board for Contractors Rules and Regulations.

For any questions or further information, please refer to the website at www.lslbc.louisiana.gov or contact our Public Information Officer at 225-765-2301 Ext. 213 or via email at kfitch@lslbc.louisiana.gov.